

THE  
DECLARATION (56)

OF

Both Houses of

PARLIAMENT,

TO THE

KINGS

Most Excellent MAJESTIE,

Concerning the Queene, with the evill  
Councell about them both; and the Vin-  
dication of the fidelity of both Houses  
to KING and STATE.

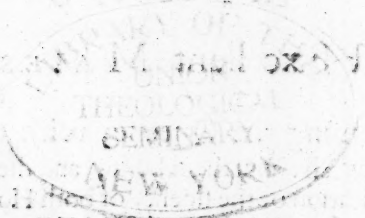


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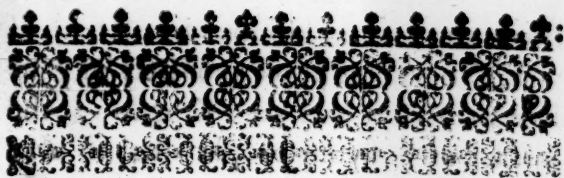


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*The Declaration of both Houses of  
Parliament to the Kings most Excel-  
lent MAIESTY.*

E your Majesties hum-  
ble and Loyal Subjects  
the Lords and Com-  
mons in this present  
Parliament assembled,  
Do hereby call God,  
this Kingdome, and the whole world to  
witnesse, That wee have ever since our  
first meeting in this Parliament, with fi-  
delity to your Majesty and the State, with  
much patience and Constancy, in respect  
of the greate affronts and interruptions,  
the pernicious Plots and attempts where-  
with wee have been encountred, distrac-  
ted, and opposed, employed our Coun-  
cils

sels and Endeavours to maintaine Gods true Religion, the Honour and Right of your Crown, the peace and safety of your Royall person, and your Kingdoms, the just Liberty of your people: that so wee might ease them of their great grievances, and prevent the feares and dangers, yea the eminent ruine & destruction which hath been contrived and festred not only in your Court, but even very neare your owne Person; And however our Liberties have bin invaded, many of our lives endangered, and such attempts made upon us, as might have subverted the very being of Parliament, yet have wee so kept our selves within the bounds of Modesty and duty, that we have given no just occasion of your Majesties absence at this time, nor of any offence or displeasure to the Queens Majesty.


But notwithstanding our manifold experience past, and present sense and apprehension of these principle Distractions to the Church and State, with which that Religion Her Majesty professeth doth abound,

bound, have ever bin carefull of the Honour and Safety due to Her Maiesties Person, and so intend to continue for the time to come.

And wee most humbly beseech your Maiesty with wildome of Compassion to behold the miserable perishing condition of all your Kingdomes, the full accomplishing whereof seems impossible to bee avoided; unlesse you will bee pleased to ioyne seriously and throughly with your Parliament in removing the Causes, and applying the most powerfull and Sovereigne Remedies of those Evills and Distempers which have long held this kingdome in a languishing Estate, and now brought it to the last gaspe and period of Destruction; for the preservation whereof, according to the Trust reposed in us, we are bold in all humility and faithfulnessse to present some of these Causes and Remedies to your Princely View and Consideration.

The Causes of our misery and danger we  
conceive to be, are these: viz.

I.

 He evil Councell about your Ma-  
jesty and the Queen, continually  
Acting and disposing all Occur-  
rences of State, and abusing  
your Majesties power and Authority, to the  
prejudice of Religion, the hazard of the pub-  
lique Peace, the interruption of Parliaments,  
the strengibning the malignant party with-  
in the Kingdome, and fomenting Irea-  
sies and discords betwixt your Majesty  
and the Parliament, and other Loya Sub-  
jects.

II.

The want of due Reformation of Church-  
government and Liturgie now used, the want  
of

of a Preaching Ministry, and competent maintenance for them in many parts of this Kingdome.

### III.

The violent and frequent Breaches of the Priviledges of Parliament, the often attempt against the State, and malicious Designs, to frustrate the power and proceedings of Parliament.

### IV.

The managing and transacting of the great Affaires of the Realme in private and Cabinet Councils, by men unknown, not trusted by the Wisdome of the Law, nor well affected to the publique good of the Kingdome.

## THE REMEDIES WHICH WEE TENDER TO YOUR MAJESTY ARE THESE.

**T**Hat your Majesty would be pleased not to entertaine any advice or mediation from the Queene in matters of Religion, or concerning the Government



vernment of any your Majesties Dominions, &c.

That for the further securing of the Kingdom in this behalf (being a matter of such greate importance for the preservation of Religion, and the safety of the Kingdom) the Queen would be pleased to take a solemn oath in the presence of both houses of Parliament, the form whereof is to be agreed in Parliament, that she will not hereafter give any Counsell, or use any mediation to your Majesty concerning the displacing of any offices or places, or at all intermeddle in any affairs of State and government of the Kingdome.

That your Majesty would bee pleased to assent to the Ordinance of both Houses of Parliament, as it were agreed on by both Houses, &c.



